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SUBJECT: BDG TO RAISE MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUE AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN
 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE; OPTIMISM ON OTHER BD-INDIA DISPUTES
 EXPRESSED

1. THE BDG INTENDS TO RAISE ITS DISPUTE WITH INDIA ON
THE MARITIME BOUNDARY AT BOTH THE EIGHTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI BEGINNING MAY 16 AND
AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK LATER THIS MONTH,
ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE DACCA PRESS.

2. THE PRESS RELEASE SAID THAT THE BDG WILL SEEK
SUPPORT IN TRIPOLI TO DELINEATE THE BASELINE BY USING A LATITUDE
METHOD TO DIVIDE THE OFF SHORE AREA DISPUTED WITH INDIA. BY THIS
METHOD, THE BASE LINE WOULD START AT TEN FATHOMS FROM THE
COAST." (PRESUMABLY, THIS MEANS SEAWARD FROM THE TEN FATHOM
CURVE, WHICH IS SAID TO BE FROM 16 TO 30 MILES FROM THE COAST).

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3. ON THE SAME DAY THE MARITIME ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PRINTED,
AN OFFICIALLY INSPIRED ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE ENGLISH
PRESS DECLARING THAT "THERE WERE 'GOOD SIGNS' IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH AND THAT
SOME CONCRETE STEPS WOULD BE EVIDENT FROM THE MIDDLE OF
NEXT MONTH." SPECIFICALLY, ON THE BASIS OF THE BORDER
TALKS IN DELHI, INDIA IS EXPECTED TO TAKE "SOME POSITIVE

STEPS." THE STORY ALSO SAID THAT TECHINCAL DETAILS REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING THE FARAKKA UNDERSTANDING INCLUDE "AN ALLOCATION OF WATERS TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF BANGLADESH IN 21 TEN-DAY PERIODS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE DRY SEASON."

4. COMMENT: NOW THAT THE FARAKKA AND BOARDER PROBLEMS ARE OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED AS ON THE PATH TO RESOLUTION, THE MARI-TIME BOUNDARY ISSUE BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND INDIA, DORMANT FOR OVER A YEAR, IS LIKELY TO BECOME THE MAJOR AREA OF CONTENTION. THE BDG WILL BE SEEKING ISLAMIC SUPPORT IN TRIPOLI IN PREPARATION FOR A PRESENTATION LATER IN NEW YORK. FOR THE LATTER CONFERENCE, THE AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT ADMIRAL KHAN WOULD LEAD THE DELEGATION, WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMSUL HUQ WILL LEAD THE GROUP TO TRIPOLI.
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